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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

## AERIALS.

November 6, BELLEOPHON, British str., 1,395, Freeman, Liverpool 19th Sept., and Singapore 31st October, General.—  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

November 7, SALTER, French steamer, 323, Aragon, Haiphong 31st October, General.—A. E. MARY.

November 7, PICCOLA, German steamer, Nissen, Swatow 6th Nov., General.—  
BUN HIN & CO.

November 7, ELSIE, German brig, 297, Brickmeier, Hull 26th Oct., General.—WILDE & CO.

November 7, FOOKSANG, British str., 990, Hogg, Canton 7th Nov., General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

November 7, FOXEN, British steamer, 508, H. C. Harris, Tamsui and Amoy 6th Nov., General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

November 7, TANNADICE, British steamer, 2,183, S. G. Green, Adelaide 3rd Oct., and Sydney 13th, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
NOVEMBER 7.

Chellerton, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Bellophon, British str., for Amoy.  
Sea Ripple, British str., for Martello.  
Piccola, German str., for Singapore.  
Alley, British str., for Amoy.

## DEPARTURES.

November 7, MONGKU, British steamer, for Swatow.  
November 7, ALBA, British steamer, for Amoy.  
November 7, CHARLES BAL, British ship, for San Francisco.  
November 7, C. H. KIAN, British steamer, for Swatow.  
November 7, DOUGLAS, British steamer, for East Coast.  
November 7, NAM-VIEN, French steamer, for Haiphong.  
November 7, GREYHOUND, British str., for Hoitow.  
November 7, C. T. HOKE, British steamer, for Saigon.  
November 7, GOULATH, Siamese bark, for Bangkok.  
November 7, AMOY, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
November 7, H. W. DUDLEY, Amer. bark, for New York.  
November 7, MIRAKAN, British steamer, for Swatow.  
November 7, DIAMANTE, British steamer, for Amoy and Manila.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Soles, str., from Haiphong.—26 Chinese.  
For Bellerophon, str., from Liverpool, &c.—  
Mars, M. & Co., Burs, Taylor, Fowler,  
and Cawth, and 200 Chinese.  
For Piccola, str., from Swatow.—50 Chinese.  
For Foxen, str., from Panama, &c.—Mr. Gowan, and 15 Chinese.  
For Tannadice, str., from Adelaid, &c.—For  
Haig, Mr. John, and 200 Chinese.  
A. R. Augusta, Agent.

DEPARTED.

For Douglas, str., for Amoy.—Mrs. Meier,  
and Mr. Repas and children.  
For Greyhound, str., for Hoitow.—1 European  
and 50 Chinese.  
C. T. Hooke, str., for Saigon.—150 Chinese.  
For Mirekan, str., for Swatow.—100 Chinese.  
For Chang H. Kian, str., for Swatow.—180 Chinese.  
For Mekran, str., for Swatow.—50 Chinese.

## REPORTS.

From this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our business at this port, and all communications should be addressed to them.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.  
GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

## NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. DE WESTLEY LAYTON as a Partner in our Firm.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents of the CHINA SHIPPERS' MERCHANT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents of the CHINA MERCHANTS' LINE OF SHIPS.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., have received a large number of New Goods, including and Fine Irons, New Fire-arms and Coal Vases, Kerosene Oilers, Stoves, Lamps, in new designs. New Folding Lamp Shades, Linen "Drapes" Shades, "Saratoga" Trunks and Ladies' Dress Trunks, Travelling Bags and Handbags, Despatch Boxes and Portfolios, and many other articles. Playing Cards, "Moguls" and "Supernova" Call Books, Scrap Books, New Office Supplies. Christmas Cards in New Prize Designs, Men and Name Cards, Porcelain Menu Tablets, Artist's Materials and New Canvases, Air Beds and Cushions, New Cutery. Christy's Felt-Hats in New Shapes and Colours, Ellwood's Felt-Hats in Cork, Cricketing, Tennis, Golf, Croquet, Rackets, Caps, Trousers, Suits, Tailored Coats, Blouses, Buttons, Hats, Belts, and Stamps, Gums and Sportsmen's Sandals. Cope's Tobaccos, Fresh Garden Cloud, Fresh Birdseye and Mixture, Manila and Panama Cigars. New Saddlery, Whips and Fly Swatters, Curry Combs and Brushes, Saddles and Saddle-Cloths.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
25th October, 1888.

## NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.,  
FAMILY AND DIAPHRAGM  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the  
Governor and his Royal Highness the  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS  
PERFORMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYMEN,  
AND  
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,  
PASSenger SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the despatch of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [2]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until demanded.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not individually by name.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1888.

The question of the strength of China's army possesses at the present moment exceptional interest. The Times, in a recent number, had a long article on the subject giving a great mass of information, much of which must be regarded as unreliable. In Hsia-chang's army, for instance, is put down at 70,000 without reservation of any kind, whereas a correspondent of one of the Shanghai papers recently stated it as 40,000. The correspondent of the Shanghai paper is at least quite as likely to be accurately informed as the writer of the article in the Times. More figures, however, go for very little in this particular case. We know that China could raise an enormous number of men. The crucial point is one of quality more than quantity. The Times' article opens as follows:— "In view of the existing relations between France and China, it is appropriate to consider what progress the Chinese Army has made in military efficiency during the 24 years that have elapsed since it was last called upon to encounter a European force; and the inquiry may not be without some beneficial effect in the interests of a peaceful settlement of the present complication, on the principle that the better prepared the supposed weaker side is known to be, the less inclined will the other feel to appeal to arms." The subject has engaged full attention on many occasions since Sir Thomas Wade wrote 82 years ago, at a period half-way between the two foreign wars, its description of the army of the Chinese Empire; and in some matters that account has been neither put out of date, nor improved upon. But, although the internal economy and the distribution of the various forces composing the army have altered but little in the interval, the progress in the discipline and ornament of the troops has effected a remarkable reform in the Chinese Army, as the facts we have to record will make sufficiently plain. But it must also be remembered that, although much has been accomplished, the revolution is still in course of development, and that the Chinese Army of the future will, even at the present rate of progress, be by the end of this century as much more efficient than the existing force as that is superior to the one described by Sir Thomas Wade in 1851. Assuming that the progress has been and will continue to be, as great as here indicated, that future stands for very little in considering China's strength in relation to that of other powers, for the progress made by European nations in the science of warfare has during the last quarter of a century been enormous. So far as the material is concerned, it is as accessible to China as to others; she can buy Armstrong and Krupp guns and Winchester and Remington rifles in any quantity she pleases, but the possession of the implements of war will not confer the ability to use them to advantage. Even a well-drilled army becomes little more formidable than a mob if it is left without competent officers. This point is noticed by the Times, but it is not given the prominence which it is entitled to. "We can only touch in these closing lines," says the Times, "on the radical blot in the Chinese military system. They have no General. They want a man to inspire and to lead them; but, unless some of Chinese Goppon's martial ardour, long pent up as it has been, should return to him, it is hard to see where they are to obtain the commander who understands them, and in whom they would have confidence; yet such a man would be absolutely necessary to the Chinese on the outbreak of war with a great foreign Power. He will of necessity have to be a foreigner, as the Chinese General of the

future has still to be discovered." Such is the lame and impotent conclusion of an article in almost every other respect eulogistic of the Chinese army and its strength. But it is not only a General that is wanted. Careful scientific training is necessary in all the superior grades if the operations of the army are to be intelligently directed and executed. Some correspondence on the question of soldierhood and education has lately appeared in one of the London papers, in the course of which a correspondent signing himself "Miles" writes:—"Surely your correspondent 'L' altogether misunderstands the conditions of modern warfare when he sayeth that an undisciplined man may make as good a soldier as one who has had scientific training. It may be admitted, perhaps, in the case of the rank-and-file and the subalterns; but in the case of the officers of higher rank, elaborate scientific training of a special sort is just as necessary as in the practice of any other difficult profession. Literary education, of course, may be quite useless; but the special instruction required for soldiering in modern times—a certain amount of mathematics, fortification, the study of tactics, and strategy, geography, and military history—is absolutely requisite if ever we are to fight other enemies than Boers and Zulus. The fact that some of the great captains of old were ignorant men does not prove much. Modern war is different from that of a century ago, and 'L' will have to prove that not Manilov and Marshal Suvorov were uncultured in one sense of the word, but that they were deficient in the highest military education of the age." The views here expressed cannot be confuted; and the qualifications enumerated are as requisite in the case of the Chinese army, if opposed to a European enemy, as in the case of any other army. Where is China to find officers possessing such qualifications? A nation which has to look for its military officers amongst foreigners can hardly be considered as occupying a very strong position. The Chinese have undoubtedly got some little smattering of foreign drill and discipline, but even this, we are inclined to think, has been much overrated. Li Hung-chang's troops are spoken of as foreign drilled, but according to the Shanghai Mercury the foreign instructors exist only in the English papers. It would be interesting to know if there are really any foreign military instructors now in the service of the Chinese Government, and so what their number and qualifications are.

The crews for the American and German Cups will be drawn at the Reception Club this evening.

Admiral Meyer visited the German crewmen at the Stoen and Stoch yesterday afternoon and received the usual salutes.

The Hon. W. H. Maroh, Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Justice Russell left here on Tuesday by the Manila steamer Marquesa to Irunay on a shooting trip.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Bellerophon*, which arrived here on Tuesday evening, brought a contingent of six men to join the European Forces of this colony.

The Mai Nghi Shikun says that the professors of the Tokio Shikun are about to compile several valuable works, among which will be a History of the Buddhist Religion, History of China and Japan, Law, Oriental Philosophy, Social History of Japan and China, and a Medical Dictionary.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. H. P. Gibbons, formerly Vice-Intervent of the Supreme Court in this colony and now District Judge in Junan, has got into trouble in that colony, a charge of libel having been brought against him by a resident there. The case, at last, has been heard at the Police Court, and was remanded.

The Straits Times says that the French transport *Touquin*, from Tonkin and Algeria, with 1,000 military reinforcements for Tonquin, arrived at Singapore on the 28th ult. and was to proceed for her destination after coaling. She was to be in port in a few days by the *Bisenzu*, which would call at Colombo and pass on to Saigon direct.

The Glasgow Herald of the 21st September says that "after an existence of 96 years, during which time they built 307 ships, the shipbuilding firm of Robert Steele & Co., Greenock, practically ceased to exist yesterday on the launch of the last vessel which they had in hand. The remaining vessel will be immediately paid off to the yard." The editor will be supplied with an excellent oil-painting: "Richest of the late Governor, painted by Lehmann.

H.M.S. *Cook* arrived at Amoy from Houghton on the morning of the 3rd instant, and left again the same afternoon for Shanghai.

The Russian *Invincible* Duke of Edinburgh, which left here on Tuesday, is now in Amoy, and will take her place as flagship on this station.

We are sorry to learn that the funds of a very useful institution in this Colony, the Temperance Hall, are not quite in a satisfactory state, and it is proposed to have a meeting to raise money to meet this deficiency. To do this it is proposed to get up a series of monthly concerts, the first of which will be held on the 15th instant, when, we understand, several ladies and gentlemen have promised to assist. We hope the efforts of the Committee may be successful.

The following interesting communication is from Mr. Urban Bruce, Acting Superintendent of the Dindings, appears in the Pei-tung Times of the morning of the 6th instant. It was brought to my notice by Mr. Woodcock, who came from a round the world. He was a Chinese, and had no other world, he said, but died at four o'clock. He gave the name of Chan Ye-tai, and he was about twenty years of age.

Loc Atong said—I am a coppersmith em-

ployed at the Yen Lung shop in Queen's road West. I know the deceased; he was named Chuang Yu-tai, 10 years of age. He was a coppersmith, and he worked in the Yen Lung shop, and he was a good boy, and he had a round face, and he was about ten years of age.

The steamer *Schenk*, which arrived at Amoy on the 4th inst., was discovered to be on fire at about one o'clock the following morning. The fire, which is said to have originated in the engine room, spread rapidly and in a few moments the whole ship was taking the officers' quarters, charthouse, wheelhouse, etc., were alight over in flames, giving the officers barely time to escape. Communication was early cut off from the ship's pumps, but effective assistance soon arrived from the shore in the shape of boats and barges and an efficient staff to work them. By daylight the fire was under control, and the crew were able to ascertain the extent of the damage, but we have to add that the cargo was very light, while the ship's damage, though somewhat extensive, is not of a serious nature. Too much praise cannot be given to several residents, who rendered such efficient aid, to the officers and crew who started their posts until all did well, was over. We note that H. B. M. Consul has sent out a circular to send in their cast-off clothing for which the Chinese have lost their all by the fire will be deeply grateful. The deceased will respond liberally.—Amoy Gazette.

The Victoria Lodge, letter X, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, had their annual general meeting on Wednesday evening at the Victoria Hall. The British and visitors assembled at 8.30 p.m. and finished their weekly business, after which the reports of the visiting officers were received and read. The Lodge has been doing good work during the past year, and the officers and members displayed much zeal, as many as fifty members having attended during the expired quarter.

The witness, we are given to understand, is a health expert, and the Lodge has reason to congratulate him on the success with which he has attended it. After the adoption of the reports Brother James Francis, S. Deplano Grand Worthy Chief Templar, assisted by Bro. H. H. installed the following officers: Bro. J. H. H. installed the following officers: Bro. Matthews, W. S. Esq.; Bro. Thomas S. Morris, W. Assistant Secretary; Bro. Edward, W. Treasurer; Bro. George Howard, W. Chaplain; Bro. S. W. Marshall; Bro. F. Dabbs, W. Guard; Bro. Huchmann, W. Sous-lodge.

The Whitehall Review says:—These men were a better or wiser government appointed to their knowledge than Sir Arthur Kennedy. No one

had better care for the safety of the Chinese than Sir Arthur Kennedy. The Chinese are about to be taken into account.

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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PER EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIA, AND CHINA TELEGRAPH CO'S LINE.

London, 5th November.

DISTURBANCES IN SIEVIA.

Disturbances have broken out in Sievia in consequence of the suspension of popular liberties, and troops have been despatched against the rebels, who hold a strategical position.

FATAL AFFRAY IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

The Gazette of Hongkong has soon been succeeded by another in the colony, the victim in this latter instance being a woman, the wife of the deceased.

The deceased was a coppersmith employed at 174, Queen's-road West, and a cook in the same house has been arrested and charged with causing his death.

It seems that the deceased took the cook into the room, and saw him both go down stairs. He heard a noise in the street, outside the door, and looking out he saw the deceased and the prisoner striking at each other as if fighting. Just then prisoner ran into the shop, and the deceased came in after him, and went upstairs. The witness said he saw the deceased running upstairs with a cutlass.

He was bleeding from the chest.

Witness—About the space for two pipe of tobacco.

Had they been good friends before this?—Not very good, sometimes they quarrelled, but they never had any serious row.

Inspector Thomson said the witness told him he saw the deceased come running upstairs with a cutlass.

The witness was questioned, but said he did not notice anyone following the deceased.

He was a coppersmith, and the deceased had been to him to get a pair of tongs.

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## TIFLIS AND THE ARMENIANS.

A correspondent of the *Globe*, writing under date of Tiflis, September 6th, says:—“Tiflis is under a cloud just now. Accused for nearly 20 years to the treason of the Czar's brother as Viceroy of Caucasus, it lads in his bureau an enormous number of documents to implicate it for loss of the miniature court, which Grand Duke Michael held on the banks of the Kura, and signs for another scion of the Romanovs to restore the departed glories of the Vinograd residence. General Dondukov-Korsakoff is a very able man, and as Russian officials go, an honest functionary; but the administrative vigour he displayed during his tenure of office in Bulgaria, and which won him such popularity in Europe at the time, seems to have melted with his return to Russia. Things are going on in the Caucasus just as they used to do in the days of Duke's time, while Tiflis is not the consolation of having a court as a sort-of to her grievances. To make matters worse, the abrogation of the Caucasus transit has struck a heavy blow at her trade, and nothing has yet emanated from the khanship of Tiflis to help rally to relieve it.

Still, in spite of the difficulties, there is plenty of progress observable there. The building is busy in every part of the city, and not only are old houses being replaced by new ones, leaving handsome thoroughfares, but suburbs are being developed on a very extensive scale. Situated on an unnavigable mountain torrent, which cuts so deeply into the road to allow of the wagons carrying any ornament to the city, Tiflis still remains one of the most desolate places of ground, and is never at any point very far from the country. All around it the mountains are bare and brown; nothing grows on them but a little coarse thorn and here and there a juniper bush. Even in the town itself, cultivation is only maintained by an elaborate system of artificial irrigation; not a tree or a shrub can be kept alive without the aid of the pipes without being daily attended to by the watering can. Thanks to this, Tiflis will be appealing but for the boulevards of stately poplars and the green girdles in the German quarter. The care which these townsmen display in keeping fresh the verdant aspect of their colony contrasts remarkably with the apathy of the Russians, who do little or nothing to extend cultivation in the old German quarter, except where the Germans abound, the city is dry and dusty, a most undesirable place of residence during the summer months. During this period, hot and winds often blow across the plain upon Tiflis with a devastating force, which I can only compare to a concentrated easterly wind. One of these blasts proved the end of yesterday, producing an increasing longing for drink and a cooling beer. The later a luxury almost unaffordable here, owing to the Kura river being little more than an open sewer. The temperature no wind at all, and the atmosphere is cool and agreeable. Mentioning yesterday to a Russian officer the generally arid aspect of Tiflis, he said that was his impression of the Georgian capital depended largely on the direction from which the traveller arrived. Coming from the Black Sea coast where the constant rains drenching the Anatolian and Caucasian ranges encourages the vegetation of a semitropical character, Tiflis strikes the traveller as having a scorched and withered aspect. But if he arrives from the south or the east, from Erivan or Baku, where the country is almost entirely desert, and nothing except the same the same there, the impression is altogether different. So far as seeing no vegetation, his eyes are not at all refreshed by the trees and shrubs most abundant in the German colony strikes him as being quite a little paradise. This will account for most travellers arriving at Tiflis from the Caspian or Persian describing the place as “exhausting.” Those who touch it in journeying the other way, from west to east, so far as my memory can either discover no attractions in Tiflis, or else it is curious that white Tiflis, the capital of Georgia, and the administrative centre of the Russian province of the Caucasus, the Georgians and the Russians constitute the least numerous element in the population. The principal factors comprising this are Armenians, Persians, and Georgians, the latter are descendants of a number of Wurtembergers who migrated to Russia to escape religious persecution, and founded what is now the town of the same name, situated in the center of Tiflis. They still speak their own language, wear their own Tunic dress, and display themselves boldly towards Russians generally and Persians, who are German colonists in this country. Equally difficult to assimilate or absorb in the Persian element, are the lower and dirtier part of Tiflis, consisting mainly of crowdedness and squalor, as great a contrast to the German quarter as St. Giles to Regent's Park. The Armenians are quite different from the Germans and Persians. They readily adopt Russian and Persian dress. With few exceptions, they speak Persian as readily as their mother tongue, and though they have once discarded the latter for the greater convenience of their conquerors. So far as I can gather, this conformation of the Armenian race to the Russian is in the main entirely spontaneous. A matter of fact, the Armenians are a race without a history and without a head. Unlike the Persians, they have no Shah to look towards to encourage them to resist assimilation, and they have not even the love of the Fatherland which keeps all Germans in Russia from denominational themselves. To work to form a state of their own, even if they had any political tendency that way, which they have not, their only course is to throw in their lot with that of Russia. Some writers have described them as the Jews of the Caucasus, owing to their love of trade and dealing, and as ready as their mother tongue, and though they have once discarded the latter for the greater convenience of their conquerors. So far as I can gather, this conformation of the Armenian race to the Russian is in the main entirely spontaneous.

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/84  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 3/84  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 3/9  
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 3/9  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 3/9

SHAKES.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares (Cum New Issue)—100 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—  
3025 per share.China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—  
7/3 per share.

North China Insurance—The £1,450 per share.

Yunnan and Melbourn.—Bombay via STRAITS.

CALCUTTA.—Bank, sight..... 7/2

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/2

SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... 7/2

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/2

YUNNAN, KOREA, &amp;c.

SAIGON.

TOMORROW.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/28

CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/28

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... 7/2

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/2

SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... 7/2

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/2

SWATOW, AMOY, &amp; TAMSUI.

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CALCUTTA, via STEAMERS.

CHINA.—Bank, sight..... 7/2

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/2

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